

Office of Governor Mitch Daniels



Weekly Wrap-up

A look at news and events in the Daniels Administration

Mitch Daniels

Madison company announces expansion, more jobs

(July 26) Governor Daniels joined executives from Madison Precision Products to announce a \$16 million expansion and the creation of 66 new jobs at the Jefferson County facility.

[Read the news release](#)

Governor's Update

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Governor Daniels' July 25th statement concerning the highway shootings:

"Indiana has now been spared, through the combined efforts of these outstanding professionals, the sort of fear, uncertainty, disruption that has befallen other jurisdictions elsewhere. This is the kind of excellence that the citizens in Indiana have known in the past from our state police and our local law enforcement partners."

Governor Daniels visits county fairs

During his travels around the state the past couple weeks, the governor has stopped to do one of his favorite summer activities, visit county fairs. He has been visiting exhibits, enjoying good food and meeting with Hoosiers.

County 4-H fair stops to date:

- Parke County (July 18)
- Jasper County (July 19)
- White County (July 19)
- Ripley County (July 26)
- Union County (July 26)
- Jay County (July 27)



Governor Daniels at the Parke County Fair (top) and the Jasper County Fair (bottom).



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[Watch the governor's July 25th remarks to the Rotary Club of Indianapolis](#)

Governor appoints Purdue trustees

(July 28) [Read the news release](#)

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A Vision for State's Future

Richmond Palladium-Item – July 28, 2006

Mitch Daniels has a disarming way of looking beyond petty partisan labels and differences toward substantive policy changes. He becomes notably more animated when discussing shaking up the status quo. He had that discussion on Thursday during a more than hour-long meeting with this newspaper's editorial board.

During Daniels' two years in office there has been, for Indiana, as the classic rock lyric suggests, a whole lotta shakin' goin' on.

Issues that have languished on the Indiana backburner for years, decades even -- issues like uniform daylight-savings times, a balanced state budget, state tax code revisions, to name a few -- are now law.

Other issues once regarded as political third rails in Hoosier politics -- wresting political spoils from the system through government consolidations and efficiencies, license branch reform -- are underway and, with any luck, will see no turning back.

And still other issues almost unimaginable in their size and scope -- Major Moves which has infused billions of new dollars into state coffers for road construction and improvements--represent the model for which other states seek to imitate.

It is Daniels' steely determination that must prove particularly disarming to his critics. And, make no mistake, there have been missteps and he has his critics. You can't shake things up as much as he has and escape collateral damage.

On the important economic front, a crowning jewel on Daniels' watch has been Honda Motor Co.'s decision to locate its plant in nearby Greensburg. So what kinds of incentives will the Daniels' Administration offer to match Ohio and other states publicly attempting to lure or expand the parts manufacturing plants that will supply Honda-Greensburg?

"It's a very dangerous thing to turn a politician loose in this area," Daniels said of incentives. The better bet, he believes, is the no-frills, back-to-basics approach: Is the state's financial house in order? What will it cost a business to operate here?

He renewed his pledge of controlling property taxes by providing local governments' funding alternatives, a top priority for the coming legislative session. But, he warns locals pointedly, "If you spend too much, there will always be a problem."

And he describes Indiana's constitutionally mandated balanced budget as a "duty, but not an end in itself." He sees it as a means toward achieving ends -- ends like all-day kindergarten, which Daniels hopes to see implemented in Indiana on his watch. Or attracting new business to the state, which this governor has been doing with stepped-up regularity.

Sounding a clarion call to change is important but less so than hearing and heeding that call to change. Indiana can consider itself fortunate that a great many Hoosiers are hearing that worthy call.